

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6791

As Passed Senate, February 15, 2008

Title: An act relating to clarifying permitted uses of moneys currently collected under the county legislative authority sales and use tax for chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services or therapeutic courts.

Brief Description: Clarifying permitted uses of moneys currently collected under the county legislative authority sales and use tax for chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services or therapeutic courts.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Marr).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/7/08 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/15/08, 45-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6791 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Marr and McAuliffe.

Staff: Kevin Black (786-7747)

Background: In 2005 the Legislature passed E2SSB 5763 which gave county legislative authorities permission to impose a sales and use tax of one tenth of 1 percent for the purpose of providing new or expanded chemical dependency or mental health treatment services and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs.

Summary of Substitute Bill: This bill clarifies that monies collected under the sales and use tax authorized by E2SSB 5763 may be used for the operation or delivery of programs and services. Monies collected by the sales and use tax may be used to replace lapsed federal funding previously provided for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment services and programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: King County is proud to be the ninth county to have passed the sales and use tax for mental health and chemical dependency treatment. We ask for supportive housing to be included in treatment services for this population.

Persons Testifying: PRO: David O'Kinioto, United Way of King County; Amnon Schoenfeld, King County Community and Human Services.